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號五念月八英華香

PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 23, CRUSADER, British steamer, 646, Rowin, Toulon 20th August, General ARTHUR KARBERG & Co.

August 23, GLENNOG, British steamer, 2,030, Hogg, London 14th August, and Singapore 17th August, General JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

August 23, EMERALD, British steamer, 306, Tinteburton, Manila 19th August, General RUSSELL & Co.

August 23, PEGASUS, British steamer, 880, Hunt, Canton 23rd August, General JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

August 23, MERIDIAN, Siamese steamer, 204, Krus, Bangkok 14th August, General CHINESE

August 23, VON WERNER, German steamer, 612, Beyron, Mauritius 26th July, and Singapore 18th August, General WIEHLER & Co.

August 23, ANTON, British steamer, 814, Horne, Canton 23rd August, General SIEMSEN & Co.

August 23, LIDO, British steamer, 620, Lutich, Swatow 22nd August, General ARTHUR KARBERG & Co.

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August 24, LATEVIA, British steamer, 1,301, R. Sc. F. Sc. F. 21st August, Teo and General F. Sc. F. 21st August, Teo and General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

August 24, KELING, British steamer, 919, J. Smith, Melbourne 24th July, Newcastle 26th, Sydney 3rd, Townsville 5th August, Cooktown 6th, Thursday 9th, and Port Darwin 14th, General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

August 24, FUSHUN, British steamer, 1,304, Crook, Shanghai 26th August, General RUSSELL & Co.

August 24, FORTRESS, British steamer, 509, F. Ashton, Toulon 19th August, and Amoy 21st General DOUGLAS LAFLAKE & Co.

August 24, PINGON, British steamer, 549, McCashin, Pakhoi 21st August, and Hong Bird, General RUSSELL & Co.

August 24, CITY OF PEKING, American steamer, 5,079, Ferry, San Francisco 16th July, and Yokohama 17th August, Manila and General E. M. S. CO.

August 24, HESPERIA, German steamer, 1,135, Wagner, Newhavu, Choo, and Swatow 23rd August, General CHINESE

August 24, TARTAN, British bark, 488, S. H. Itoe, Newhavu 17th July, Beans and Oil WIEHLER & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.

23rd August.

Pecifici, British str., for Tientsin.

F. C. Stetson, Ger. str., for Hongkong.

Amoy, British str., for Shanghai.

Gus. C. Goss, Am. bark, for Victoria (B.C.)

Wm. However, German bark, for Choo.

Anton, British str., for Shanghai.

Nippon, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

August 23, Sir G. WOLSELEY, British str., for Shanghai.

August 23, ERSA, German str., for Holkow.

August 23, KENNEDY, British str., for Singapore.

August 23, W.M. HOMER, German bark, for Choo.

August 24, BETA, British str., for Takao.

August 24, MARLION, Ger. str., for London.

August 24, PEGASUS, British str., for Tientsin.

August 24, NTINGPO, British str., for Shanghai.

August 24, EMERALD, British str., for Amoy.

August 24, ANTON, British str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

For G. R. G. str., from Toulon. —120 Chinese.

For G. R. G. str., from London, & —Miss and Master Hopkins, Messrs. Plat, Martin, Shuttleworth and Harrison, and 264 Chinese, from Singapore.

For R. G. str., from Manila. —Captain Thelmad, Mr. Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Liban, 1 European, 249 Chinese.

For M. & S. str., from Bangkok. —6 Chinese.

For V. V. str., from Mauritius. —24 Europeans and 119 Chinese, from Singapore.

For L. & S. str., from Foochow. —24 Europeans and 23 Chinese.

For P. H. str., from Shanghai. —Mr. Macdonald and child, and 110 Chinese.

For K. H. str., from Melaka, & —Messrs. Arthur and Kinnear, 1 European, 249 Chinese.

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REPORTS.

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NOTICE.

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VERNOR and His Royal Highness the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS
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PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS.
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLY-DEPT.

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SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson and Co., or HONG-KONG DISPENSARY. 123

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business to "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisers and Subscribers, who are not members of the press, will be entitled to undivided consideration.

Under the circumstances, the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

The Daily Press.

HONG-KONG, AUGUST 25TH, 1884.

WITH the commencement of hostilities at Foochow on Saturday, the 23rd inst., all doubt as to the completeness of the rupture between France and China must disappear.

The bombardment of the Mamo Arsenal, Pagoda Anchorage, by Admiral Courtaul, in pursuance of instructions from Paris, is a proof of the final rejection of the French demands by China, and that war, if not formally declared, is being waged against her in retaliation for the Langson affair. From the telegrams received it would seem that the bombardment of the Arsenal was commenced at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and continued for three hours, with the result, it is reported, that the Arsenal was nearly destroyed. Yesterday morning, we gather, the bombardment was resumed, the Arsenal being shelled for two hours and subsequently taken. Most of the vessels of the Foochow gunboat squadron are also reported to have been destroyed. The object of the French was to destroy the Arsenal, and destroy or capture the Chinese gunboats in the Min, after which no doubt the French fleet will proceed to some other port. There would be little gained by holding Foochow, as it is too far up the river to be of any use as a port, and it would require a large force to hold it. With the troops at the command of Admiral Courtaul this could hardly be done, and it is clear that the French require a base of operations which will give a safe harbour for their ships. They will therefore, we imagine, proceed next to Amoy, which answers these conditions, and is conveniently situated, being near the Keling opoliers and not great distance from Haiphong. Whether the French have met with any losses in their attack on Foochow we are as yet unable to ascertain; we certainly cannot place faith in the rumour, that three of their men-of-war have been disabled, and a later telegram declares the squadron to be intact. The success of the French in destroying the Mamo Arsenal will, perchance, do something to bring down the stomach of the Chinese, who are as yet unable to ascertain, what the terms of which Macao is to be made by the French.

The *Hindoo Patriot* states that the King of Cambodius has sent to the Buddhist Pali College in Colombo, Ceylon, a number of gifts, the most important of which is a brush made of his Majesty's own hair to be used for sweeping the room in which the image of Buddha is kept. The island of Ceylon, anciently called Taprobane, became, as is well known, a seat of Buddhism 300 years B.C.

The Chinese Consul-General at New York has sent a communication to Oberst, commanding the 10th Battalion, to obey the laws of the community and to abstain from opium smoking, gambling, and other vices. Copies of the communication will be distributed among the commandants.

A correspondent, writing to *Amoy* on August 18th, says:—The native inhabitants have now left the place in great numbers. The steamer in to-day reports Foochow quiet. To-day the Chinese have a wire via Foochow reporting that the Black Flags have returned to Amoy and killed a number of the French.

The following appears in *Amoy's Gazette*:—With reference to Government Notification No. 277 of the 6th inst. on the subject of quarantine, it is hereby notified for general information that all vessels arriving with clean Bills of Health from any port will be admitted forthwith to quarantine.

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The *Amoy's* while for the *Naith* were forwarded on by the British steamer *Sir George Walley*, which left here on Saturday. Her cargo is being transhipped to the *Gloucest*.

The *Philadelphia* Press editorially says the steady increase of the Chinese population in the few years since 1860 is to be regretted.

The Chinese, who are the chief of the

problems of a delicate and very difficult character.

Hawaiian sugar, admitted free

under the reciprocity treaty, is largely pro

duced by Chinese labour, and consequently

the Chinese may be considered the chief

cause of Mongolian war from the

islands. The *Naith* is one which the public of

the Pacific Coast and sugar-planting regions of the

country, particularly the people of the

South, will be eager to force to its ultimate

consequences.

The *Amoy's* says:—A most singular

adventure comes from Klang. A planter there

was surprised by a snake, supposed to be of the

coral variety, on entering his boudoir to retire

for the night. He grasped a stick and warded

off the attempt of the snake to bite him; but

the reptile sprang at him several times and

it was only after a somewhat lively struggle

that the Englishman was able to seize

the snake and bundled it into his boudoir.

It transpired, however, that the first planter

had not remained by the shop, but acting on Mr.

Abraham's orders he went with the latter to

Macao, where he got his services.

The country round Klang seems to be particularly

likely in the way of intruding tigers and snakes,

which make the presence unpleasantly felt at

times.

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a short time ago, has been closed, and the men

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His Lordship declined to make any order as to

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